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- If you have trouble viewing this message, please view this email using your SYR email account. Every week we also post this SCIS Newsletter on the Slutzker Center website. <http://international.syr.edu/newsletters/index.html>
- Feeling sick? Pick up your over the counter medications at the Health Services Pharmacy. All purchases can be charged to your bursar account. Call 315-443-5691 if you want to know if your medicine is in the pharmacy.
- Call (315) 443-9005 if you're interested to get a flu shot ! - SU Health Services
- Registration for classes for the Spring semester started on November 9th, 2011.

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A film by Adele Tulli



365 without 377
Mumbai. A year after the verdict


Date: Monday, Nov. 14, 2011
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: Life Science Complex 019

Moderated by Professor Bruce Carter
Followed by a reception

Slutzker Center for International Services
Division of Student Affairs
Syracuse University

Your student fee

Knowledge Is the Beginning:



THE RAMALLAH CONCERT
A Documentary by Paul Smaczny

Moderated by:
Massimo Ramaoli
and Lana Hijazi
Followed by a reception.

Tuesday, November 15, 2011
Newhouse III, Halmi Room, 141
6:30-8:30

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Syracuse University

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Music Beyond Borders

International Education Week 2011
A Campus and Syracuse Community Event

Wednesday, Nov. 16th
Hendricks Chapel
6:00-8:30pm

Followed by an International Buffet
in the Noble Room

Free Parking On Campus

Slutzker Center for International Services
School of Arts and Sciences
FRLS
Division of Student Affairs
Fellowship Association, CSU Chapter
Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society
International Center of Syracuse
Hafley residence
La Crosse
St. Elmer Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare students for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. The Slutzker Center will lead the 2011 International Education Week events at Syracuse University and in the Syracuse community from November 14-18th. Please contact Elane Granger Carrasco at elcarras@syr.edu if you have any further questions.

Click [here](#) to visit the official [International Education Week](#) website.

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has proclaimed Nov. 14-18, 2011 International Education Week in New York State. This proclamation comes at the request and advocacy efforts of a number of institutions and entities.



Come shopping at the Slutzker Center!



Seasons are changing, wardrobes change too so often when students leave Syracuse they don't need winter clothing anymore. Some clothing items for all seasons such as gloves, hats, scarfs, shirts, sweaters and pants will be available at the Slutzker Center as part of International Education Week on Thursday, Nov. 17 and Friday, Nov. 18 from 8:30am – 4:30pm at no cost. **(FREE!)**

Survey for International Students:

Dear International Students in Syracuse University,

Syracuse University Graduate Students, Chul Min Park and Olusola Ogundola are studying impact of international college students’ English fluency on their online media use, and we need your help. We will conduct a brief survey with international students age 18 and older. The survey is designed to take no more than 5 minutes of your time to complete. Your answers will be confidential and no personal-identifier will be collected. Each survey participant will become eligible to win a prize. Completion of the survey earns you entry into a lottery to win a one of five \$20 Amazon gift cards.

If you are age 18 or older and would like to be a part of this study, click on the following link to take our survey at SurveyGizmo. If you have any questions about the study, please contact Chul Min Park at cpark17@syr.edu or Olusola John Ogundola at ojogundo@syr.edu. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please click on the link below to take part in the study: <http://edu.surveymz.com/s3/705260/Impact-of-Linguistic-Fluency-on-Online-Media-Use>

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Nice November @ SU



- **Shakti Yoga : Monday, November 14, 2011; 4:00pm to 5:00pm; Location: 302, Schine; Price: free.** Come enjoy this free Yoga class as part of Healthy Monday! There is no need to register, just bring your own mat or towel.
- **Orange Orators (Student Organizations); Tuesday, November 15, 2011; 12:00pm to 1:00pm; Location: Peter Graham Scholarly Commons** : The Syracuse University chapter of Toastmasters, The Orange Orators of Syracuse University, meet Tuesdays from noon-1 p.m. in Bird Library. Toastmasters is a group that helps to develop and hone public speaking skills in a supportive and friendly environment.
- **Check out some of the favorite spots on campus via this foursquare list:** <https://foursquare.com/syracuseu/list/alumni-picks--mike-tirico>
- **A section of Syracuse's Carousel Center mall addition, Destiny USA, greets shoppers today** <http://ht.ly/7qOiV>

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Planning to travel? Important travel information and seminar dates

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Planning to travel outside the United States during Thanksgiving or Winter Break - please get your I-20 or DS-2019 (for J-1 students or scholars) signed as soon as possible!



When you come for the seminar, please make sure to bring your original I-20/DS-2019, passport, visa, I-94 card, and proof of health insurance. Your health insurance should contain medical evacuation and repatriation. If it does not, you must purchase the supplemental MedEx policy, which costs \$25/person per year. http://international.syr.edu/medex_application.htm

Additional Travel Seminars:

Monday 11/14 - 5:00pm
Tuesday 11/15 - 11:00am
Wednesday 11/16 - 1:30pm
Thursday 11/17 - 3:00pm
Friday 11/18 - 12:00pm

If you have additional questions about travel, please stop by the Slutzker Center during "ADVISOR ON CALL" hours daily: 11a.m. to 3p.m.

Important Travel Reminders

Have all your Documents with you! If you are travelling within the U.S., you must still carry with you your passport, I-94 card and original I-20/DS-2019. The U.S. Border Patrol often inspects documents at train stations, bus stations, and airports. If you do not have your original documents, you could be fined \$100, or detained until your status can be verified.

If you are travelling outside the U.S., you must make sure you have a valid visa stamp to re-enter the U.S., as well as an unexpired passport valid for at least 6 months into the future, and a blue travel signature from SCIS on your I-20/DS-2019 within the last 1 year (or if you are on OPT, the last 6 months). If you are on OPT, you must also have a valid EAD card and job offer letter to re-enter the United States.

Worried that your flight might be delayed? Please contact your airline, the airport and check this website - <http://www.fly.faa.gov>

Help welcome the new international students!

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Greetings International Student Community,

We will soon be welcoming new international students to Syracuse University for the Spring 2012 semester. As you know, we have international student volunteers here at the Slutzker Center to welcome those new students, help them with paperwork and answer questions they have about the Syracuse community.

We need a few more volunteers to help out this winter and have put information about the volunteer position and requirements below. If you are interested, please fill out the attached application ([Click here to download application](#)) and email it back to us. Be sure to note which day (you only need to come to one training session) you would like to attend training.

Thank you in advance for your help this winter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Volunteer Dates:

Tues, Jan 3rd through Fri, Jan 6th.
Mon, Jan 9th through Sun, Jan 15th - very important week

** Note: Jan 12th and 13th are the scheduled orientation days so we will need all volunteers available those days. Jan 14th and 15th are on the weekend, but we will be open and need one or two people from 10am-4pm.**

Volunteer Shifts:

8:30am - 12:45 pm
12:45pm - 5:00pm.

Volunteers are asked to be available for at least two shifts a week.

Training day:

For those that have not attended training before, we will have 3 short trainings offered -- please select one day that you can attend training:

Tues, Nov 29th 2:30-3:30pm
Thurs, Dec 1st 11:00am - 12:00pm
Fri, Dec 2nd 3pm-4pm

Needs:

We'll need approx 10-12 volunteers to cover our needs for the two weeks.

Finally, we want to thank everyone that has volunteered with us in the past, we have received lots of feedback from the new students that meeting you guys was the best part of their arrival at Syracuse. Thanks a lot for everything you do. Not only do we appreciate it at Slutzker, the new students appreciate it even more.

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The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications

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F-1 students who will be graduating this December 2011 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS no later than 60 days after their degree completion date, which this year is December 16, 2011.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "[in your hands](#)."

- Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteer work

Celebrating Thanksgiving

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Many cultures set aside a day to celebrate thanksgiving each year. In 1939, in the United States, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day, a federal holiday in the United States. This was made federal law in 1941. It was intended to provide a day of reflection upon the good harvest, appreciation for the "fruits" of the land, and a time to gather with family and friends.

At Syracuse University, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner was held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, co-sponsored by Hendricks Chapel and the Slutzker Center for International Services. International students and their families were invited, and hosts at each table came from across campus and the community.

This fall, a new academic calendar has been introduced. A full week of vacation for students begins after classes on Friday, November 18, and continues through Sunday, November 27. Anticipating the departure of many students and hosts, due to this vacation, the International Thanksgiving Meal will not be held. New ideas for the future will be discussed and planning for 2012 will soon begin. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan a new event for all students and families is invited to contribute to this planning process. Email lescis@syr.edu if you are interested in helping create a new student and community event for 2012.

If you are staying in Syracuse for that week of vacation, and would enjoy some planned activities, please let us know. We will be working through Wednesday, November 23, and we are interested in meeting your needs if you are remaining in the area. Perhaps a movie night? An organized trip to the mall? Let us know what you might be interested in doing during that week. If enough students express an interest, we will find some activities to keep you busy!

If you are travelling, please attend a travel seminar and obtain a travel signature on your Form I-20 or DS-2019. Dates and times of travel seminars are listed on our website: <http://international.syr.edu/>

Looking forward to hearing from some of you with great new ideas for future activities. In the meantime, enjoy Halloween, and just remember that semester break is only 7 weeks away!

THANKSGIVING BREAK SHUTTLES

Full info can be found here: <http://insidesu.syr.edu/2011/11/01/student-association-provides-free-bus-shuttles-for-thanksgiving-break/>

Syracuse University Student Association will be providing a free shuttle bus to the Regional Transportation Center (RTC) and Hancock International Airport for students leaving campus on Nov. 17, 18, and 19, and returning to campus on Nov. 27. The times of operations are as follows:

- Thursday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Return Trip:

- Sunday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-noon

Buses will leave the Schine Student Center on the hour. For the return trip, buses will depart the RTC 20 minutes after the hour, Hancock Airport 30 minutes after the hour and then drop off students at the Schine Student Center. The bus will be stopping in front of the RTC and in front of North Terminal of Hancock Airport.

For further information or questions, please contact Jenny Choi, Student Association, at syrsabus@gmail.com.

10 Things You Should Know When Dealing with the Police

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Thursday, November 17, 2011,
12:00pm to 12:50pm

Cato Institute's Tim Lynch will delivering a presentation after a brief film on knowing and asserting your rights, and avoiding conflicts with and waiving rights when dealing with the police. Lunch provided by, and event sponsored by, the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, Syracuse University College of Law chapter. Open to general public.
Location:275 College of Law

Price: free

Sponsoring department/organization: The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies

Contact: John Marshall; Jemars01@syr.edu; 501-247-5167

Watch the latest movies for free on Campus!

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UU cinemas screens films **FOR FREE** every Thrusday night through Sunday night on both North and South Campuses. UU Cinemas aims to bring both blockbusters and independent films, while also offering early screenings of films before theatrical release. By bringing a wide array of films to campus, UU Cinemas is able to enhance and diversify programming for university and the community at large.

More info at universityunion.org
Find us on Facebook @University Union and twitter @UUInsider

Cinema Schedule Fall 2011
Movies are shown at 8pm in Goldstein (South Campus) on Thursday and Sunday and HBC Gifford on Friday and Saturday, **all for free**.

12/01 – 12/04: **30 minutes or less**

Reminder – Free Bus Service to Tops Market

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Syracuse University is offering free bus service to Tops Market on 620 Nottingham Road. Bus service is free with SUID card and is available 7 days a week from College Place on the #340 Drumlins route. Tops market is a major grocery chain and is open 24/7.

Drumlins website link:
<http://centro.org/Spring%202011%20Schedules/340.pdf>

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Healthy Monday Syracuse is now offering Free Yoga Classes Mondays in Schine! Check out our flyer for complete information:
<http://healthymonday.syr.edu/images/Yoga%20Poster.pdf>

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this December, but who will be continuing their studies for Spring 2012, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in December 2011 but who will continue their studies at SU ***must*** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date.
Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/_documents/forms/I-20_Extension.pdf

Don't Be Fooled by Copycat Immigration-Help Sites
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Some private websites that charge to prepare immigration forms mimic the look and feel of official government sites, leading users to mistakenly believe they are dealing directly with the government and paying USCIS fees. Many copycat sites add to the confusion by charging applicants the same amount for preparing an immigration form that USCIS charges for filing that same form. As a result, some applicants have sent forms to USCIS without submitting the filing fees. These applicants mistakenly believed they had paid the USCIS filing fee when they paid the private firm for preparing the forms.

To learn more, visit: <http://blog.uscis.gov/2011/09/dont-be-fooled-by-copycat-immigration.html>

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Although it is not a pleasant subject, there are a few situations where an international student might be arrested in the United States and charged with a crime. Common misdemeanor or felony arrests can include theft, drunk driving, shoplifting (stealing goods from a store without paying for them) and drug possession (with or without intent to sell). Binghamton University has published an article that discusses the consequences such arrests can create with a student's U.S. immigration status, even if the charges themselves are dismissed or reduced. The article may be viewed at: <http://www2.binghamton.edu/iss/publications/instuarrest.html>

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Address Change?
All International Students and Scholars that will be moving into their new on-campus and off-campus housing must update their US Address where you will be living during this Fall semester via your **"MySlice self-service"** and select CURR address.
You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration Regulations. If you do not update your address we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA studying at Syracuse University.
Please always update your address within 10 days of your move on MySlice.

Department of Public Safety Reminder
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- FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:**
- To safeguard your personal property—DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PROPERTY UNATTENDED
 - On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free), call 443-SAFE (7233) for more information about these services.
 - Centro Bus or taxi service.
 - Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more – away from bushes, cars, and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
 - Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
 - Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
 - Keep porch lights on at night.
 - Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
 - If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
 - Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
 - Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
 - If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
 - Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle & tag number.

The 2011 edition of "Your Safety and Security at Syracuse University" is part of Syracuse University's ongoing commitment to the prevention of crime. It is available online at: <http://publicsafety.syr.edu/PublicSafety/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2011%20Clery.pdf>

The booklet includes information on crime prevention, residential security, crime reporting policies, fire safety and crime statistics for the calendar years 2008, 2009, and 2010.

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Reminder: Parking Regulations In University Neighborhoods – by OCCS
Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.
Many city streets have alternate side (odd-even) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking begins at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking begins at 6 p.m. on the side with even-number addresses.**
Parking illegally on a city street creates traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians, obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic, prevents emergency vehicles from entering areas, and delays public services such as trash collection and snow removal. And parking on front lawns and across sidewalks is not only illegal, but also poses a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks.
To reduce and discourage illegal parking, the Syracuse Police Department will strictly enforce the parking regulations in the University area and will routinely conduct Ticket and Tow Operations in persistent violator areas.
Drivers should obey the posted parking regulations in order to avoid being ticketed and towed, and should be mindful that failure to respond to parking violations may result in collection agency involvement or other punitive action against the registrant and/or the vehicle.

Protect your Property

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your "stuff" is covered. You're insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, "at home", in storage, or anywhere else they may be.
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It's fast and easy. Simply log on to:www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com

Fall 2011 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.
http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:
Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 315-443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

" Man is fond of counting his troubles, but he does not count his joys. If he counted them up as he ought to, he would see that every lot has enough happiness provided for it." **by Fyodor Dostoevsky**
" When you learn something from people, or from a culture, you accept it as a gift, and it is your lifelong commitment to preserve it and build on it." **by Yo-Yo Ma**
"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives." **by Robert Hutchings**
" The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart."
by Elisabeth Foley
"It is not so much our friends' help that helps us, as the confidence of their help." **by Epicurus**

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